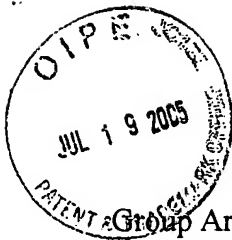


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: PATENT APPLICATION

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DOOR HOOK WITH
REMOVABLE SPACER

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated June 7, 2005, the Examiner rejected all pending claims as anticipated or obvious from U.S. Patent No. 5,535,971 to Adams. That patent discloses a U-shaped door hook having a resilient pad attached to the underside of the top portion of the hook. At column 2, lines 52-61, the patent teaches that the compressible pad 19 allows the door hook to hold as much as ten to fifteen times more weight than the door hook would hold without the pad.

Claim 1 is the only pending independent claim. The claim requires:

a spacer portion, the spacer portion being detachable from the U-shaped bracket and configured for reattachment to the back side such that the back side with the spacer portion reattached thereto and the front side are separated by a second distance different from the first distance.